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Classified By: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher, reasons 1.4 B/D

[1](#)1. (C) Summary: Total headcount of U.S. citizens received
in Cyprus as of 1115L was 3753.

POL/MIL

[1](#)2. (C) Arrivals from Beirut to Larnaca via the Beirut Air
Bridge (BAB) are expected to conclude July 21.

CONSULAR

[1](#)3. (C) The following are consular updates.

--Accounting of U.S. citizens who have arrived in Cyprus:

- 11 via helicopter July 16
- 62 via helicopter and ship July 17
- 37 via French-chartered ship July 18
- 104 via helicopter July 18
- 138 via Hoegh Norwegian ship July 19
- 4 via Greek military ship July 19
- 160 via helicopter (Beirut Air Bridge - BAB) July 19
- 3 via HMS York July 19
- 3 via Crete II July 19
- 1040 via MV Orient Queen July 20
- 3 via HMS Gloucester July 20
- 27 via UN Serenade & IREA Petra July 20
- 187 via helicopter (BAB) July 20
- 100 via UN ship Serenade July 21
- 1054 via USS Nashville July 21
- 790 via Orient Queen July 21
- 40 via helicopter (BAB), approximate July 21

TOTAL: 3753 (as of 1115L, approximate pending final morning
BAB number, Nicosia control room)

--1,800 more U.S. citizens are expected to arrive July 21 at
2200L in Larnaca on the USS Trenton. The Orient Queen will
return to Beirut July 21 at 1500.

--827 U.S. citizens have departed on U.S. charter flights as
of 0800 July 21. 1035 are expected to depart on four flights
from Paphos July 21, and 1946 on July 22 (however we are
actively seeking to add aircraft).

--CONS Nicosia will move screening of undocumented U.S.

citizens (mostly infants) and TCNs to Embassy Nicosia; thus far name checks have been conducted for all; post will now aim to issue passports or visas for all.

--CONS Nicosia working to streamline charter flight manifests to develop transparent and efficient system of transporting all people quickly.

MANAGEMENT

14. (U) The following are management updates.

--Approximately 1,000 people are currently at the Fairgrounds, with numbers increasing as the Orient Queen passengers disembark. We expect 3,800 people to spend the night in Cyprus July 21. The Coral Bay hotel in Paphos has donated 200 rooms.

--Now have a total of 1300 cots at the Fairgrounds and another 1,000 are in transit. DAO is working on sending another 1,000 for a total of 3,300.

--Two telephone lines and one fax have been installed at the Fairgrounds, working on internet.

--Fully-equipped medical station is being established and staffed 24/7 at Fairgrounds with the support of military.

--CTF 59 is also providing 10-12 personnel to help RSO manage public order at the Fairgrounds.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

15. (U) PAO is at the Limassol port July 21; 4 PD staff have been moved to the Paphos airport. The Ambassador has

scheduled press interviews at 1730L at the Paphos airport.
SCHLICHER